GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDY TO FARMERS FOR CULTIVATION OF JATROPHA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made to get the data of waste land or other lands available in different States for cultivation of Jatropha;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the average cost and production of Jatropha produce per acre;

(d) whether the Government proposes to give subsidy to farmers as motivation to promote cultivation of Jatropha and other plants in waste lands for production of bio-diesel; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (A. NARENDRA)

(a) & (b) According to the Detailed Project Report(DPR) prepared by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi on the `National Mission on Bio-Diesel`, about 40 million hectares of wastelands in the country are suitable for cultivation of Jatropha. The State-wise details are at Annexure. .

(c) The average cost of cultivation of Jatropha has been estimated to be Rs. 9120 per acre. Jatropha plant starts producing seed from the third year onwards after planting and gets established in the sixth year. Average yield from one acre of Jatropha plantation is expected to be about 1.20 tons.

(d) & (e) Initially, a demonstration project under the `National Mission on Bio-Diesel` would be launched on 4 lakh hectares of forest and non-forest (Government/public/panchayat) wastelands. For this purpose, the State Governments would be provided funds by dovetailing necessary finances from other Centrally Sponsored Schemes like the National Employment Guarantee Scheme, Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana (SGRY), etc. to meet the cost of labour component and the balance as Central subsidy from the `National Mission on Bio-Diesel`.